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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on May 24, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

It is respectfully submitted that a sufficient response has not been provided for the rejection under 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph. Applicant has merely replaced the word "including" with --having--, which is substantially the same, and applicant has not stated or explained how such a change addresses the rejection. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

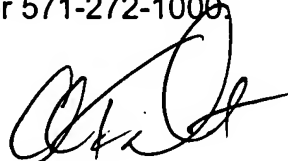
EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark F. Dexter whose telephone number is (571)272-4505. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer D. Ashley can be reached on (571)272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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